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SUBJECT: PROPOSED FRENCH SENATE VISIT ON ENERGY AND
NUCLEAR POWER

SUMMARY: A GROUP OF 8 SENATORS AND ONE STAFF HAVE ASKED
EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING APPROPRIATE VISITS
DURING THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 13-28, 1975 ON THE SUBJECT
OF ENERGY AND NUCLEAR POWER. THEY WISH TO VISIT WITH
THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON ATOMIC ENERGY OF THE CONGRESS,
ERDA, NRC, THE ATOMIC INDUSTRIAL FORUM, AND ARE MAKING
SEPARATE ARRANGEMENTS FOR VISITS WITH WESTINGHOUSE AND
GENERAL ELECTRIC. WE WOULD APPRECIATE AN EARLY PRE-
LIMINARY RESPONSE TO THE EFFECT THAT THIS VISIT IS
ACCEPTABLE AND THAT APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE
MADE. AT SOME LATER DATE, POSSIBLY AFTER CONSULTATIONS
WITH WESTINGHOUSE AND GENERAL ELECTRIC REPRESENTATIVES
IN WASHINGTON WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIPT OF SPECIFIC
APPOINTMENTS FOR THE GROUP OF SENATORS.

2. A GROUP OF 8 SENATORS AND ONE STAFF PLAN TO VISIT
THE U.S. TO BECOME BETTER ACQUAINTED WITH ENERGY
QUESTIONS AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF NUCLEAR FACILITIES.
THIS GROUP REPRESENTS THE SENATE COMMISSION ON ECONOMIC
AFFAIRS AND THE FIVE-YEAR PLAN. THE LEADER OF THE
GROUP WILL BE SENATOR CHAUTY FROM THE LOIRE ATLANTIQUE
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AND THE STAFF MEMBER WILL BE MR. PIERRE LE MAROIS.

SENATOR CHAUTY AND MONSIEUR LE MAROIS HAVE ALREADY DISCUSSED THE PROPOSED VISIT WITH PARIS REPRESENTATIVES OF WESTINGHOUSE AND GENERAL ELECTRIC ASKING THAT APPOINTMENTS BE MADE DURING THIS PERIOD. THEY HAVE DISCUSSED THE TRIP WITH THE EMBASSY SCIENCE COUNSELOR REQUESTING THAT VISITS WITH THE JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE CONGRESS, ERDA, NRC AND THE ATOMIC INDUSTRIAL FORUM BE MADE TO ROUND OUT THEIR PLANS.

3. AT THE PRESENT TIME THEY PLAN TO BEGIN THEIR TRIP BY VISITING WASHINGTON, PROBABLY FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 15 TO 18 AND THEN TO VISIT WESTINGHOUSE FACILITIES IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND PENNSYLVANIA AND GENERAL ELECTRIC FACILITIES IN NORTH CAROLINA AND SCHENECTADY. THEY ALSO PLAN TO VISIT REACTORS IN THE CHICAGO AREA. THEY THEN PLAN TO GO ON TO CANADA FOR A SIMILAR TOUR.

4. ALTHOUGH PLANS ARE BEING MADE VERY MUCH IN ADVANCE, THE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE IN PROVIDING A PRELIMINARY FAVORABLE RESPONSE TO THE GROUP OF SENATORS WITH THE INDICATION THAT A MORE DETAILED SCHEDULE WILL BE DEVELOPED CLOSER TO THE TIME OF THE VISIT. WE ASSUME THAT THE WESTINGHOUSE AND GENERAL ELECTRIC OFFICES IN WASHINGTON ARE INFORMED ON THIS REQUEST.

5. SENATOR CHAUTY AND SEVERAL OF THE PROSPECTIVE TEAM HAVE ASKED TO CALL ON AMBASSADOR RUSH AFTER HE RETURNS TO PARIS. A PRELIMINARY RESPONSE FROM THE DEPARTMENT FOR USE AT THAT MEETING WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

6. SENATOR CHAUTY HAS PROVIDED EMBASSY SCICON WITH A LIST OF TOPICS THEY WISH TO COVER DURING THEIR VISIT TO THE U.S. AS FOLLOWS: THEY PLAN TO STUDY THE NON-NUCLEAR ENERGY "BALANCE SHEET" AS TO PRODUCTION, CONSUMPTION, IMPORTS AND EXPORTS, AND RESERVES, AND NUCLEAR ENERGY SUBJECTS INCLUDING URANIUM MINING, ENRICHMENT AND MANUFACTURE OF COMBUSTIBLE ELEMENTS; BREEDER AND HIGH TEMPERATURE REACTORS; LIGHT WATER NUCLEAR POWER
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PLANTS; REPROCESSING OF RADIOACTIVE PRODUCTS; PROCEDURES FOLLOWED IN THE CREATION OF A NUCLEAR POWER STATION, AND THE COMPARISON ON A COST-BY-COST BASIS OF KWH PRODUCED BY A COAL/OIL POWER STATION WITH THAT OF A NUCLEAR POWER STATION.
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